

Series: Balancing Life's Demands – Part 1
Scripture: Luke 2:52
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HOW JESUS HANDLED LIFE'S DEMANDS

Two problems when your personal life is not in balance...

- 1.
- 2.

Luke 2:52 *"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and favor with man."*

Five things Jesus did to balance life's demands...

1. CAPTURED _____ OF HIS _____

John 7:3-6 *Jesus' brothers urged him to go to Judea for the celebration... "Go where more people can see your miracles!" they scoffed. "You can't be famous when you hide like this! If you're so great, prove it to the world!" For even his brothers didn't believe in him. Jesus replied, **"It is not the right time for me to go now."***

2. LEARNED TO HAVE A _____ PERSPECTIVE ABOUT _____

Mark 6:30-31 *The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place **and get some rest.**"*

Mark 2:27 *[Jesus] said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."*

3. FOLLOWED GOD'S LAWS FOR _____

Four things I notice about Jesus...

- 1.
- 2.

3.

4.

4. _____ HIS _____ LIFE

Luke 5:16 But Jesus **often withdrew** to lonely places and prayed.

2 Peter 3:18 Grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:35 The next morning he was up long before daybreak and went out alone into the wilderness to pray.

5. MAINTAINED _____

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, **do to others what you would have them do to you**

Mark 12:28-31 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

How do you get started in balancing your life?

Step #1: Take _____

Step #2 Write down a _____ of _____

Step #3 Establish _____ at the _____ of your life